

What is Island Region?

- Coincident with Island County Borders—*but not Island County*
- Special kind of rural
- Two Islands, geologically similar but different in many ways

Island Regional Transportation Organization

- Cooperative Spirit

- Many partners:

WSDOT

Washington State Ferries

North Sound Transportation Alliance

Washington State Parks

National Parks

Puget Sound Regional Council

City of Mukilteo

Major employers

Tribes

- Hopes for closer relationships:

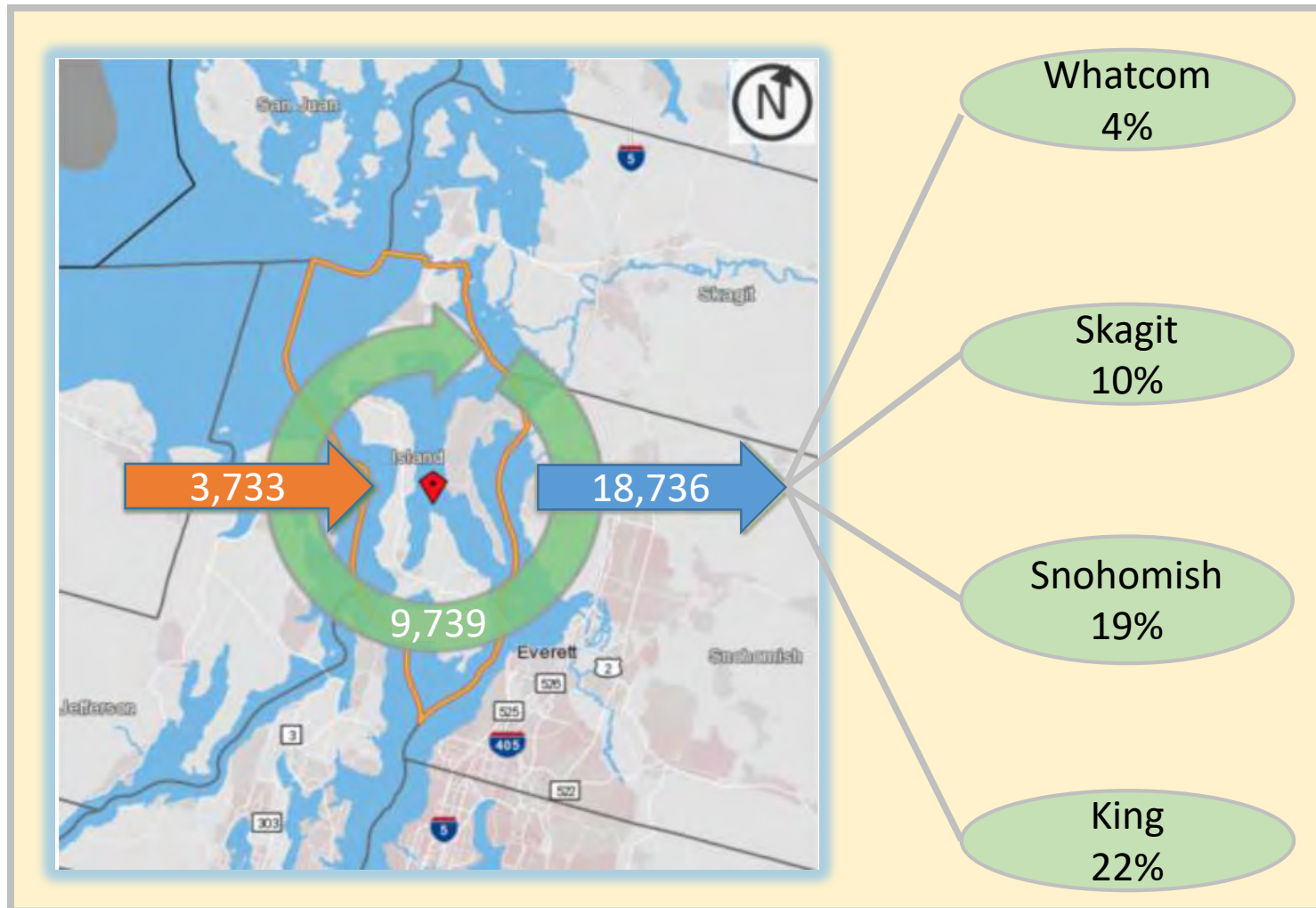
- City of Stanwood

- City of Everett

- City of Port Townsend



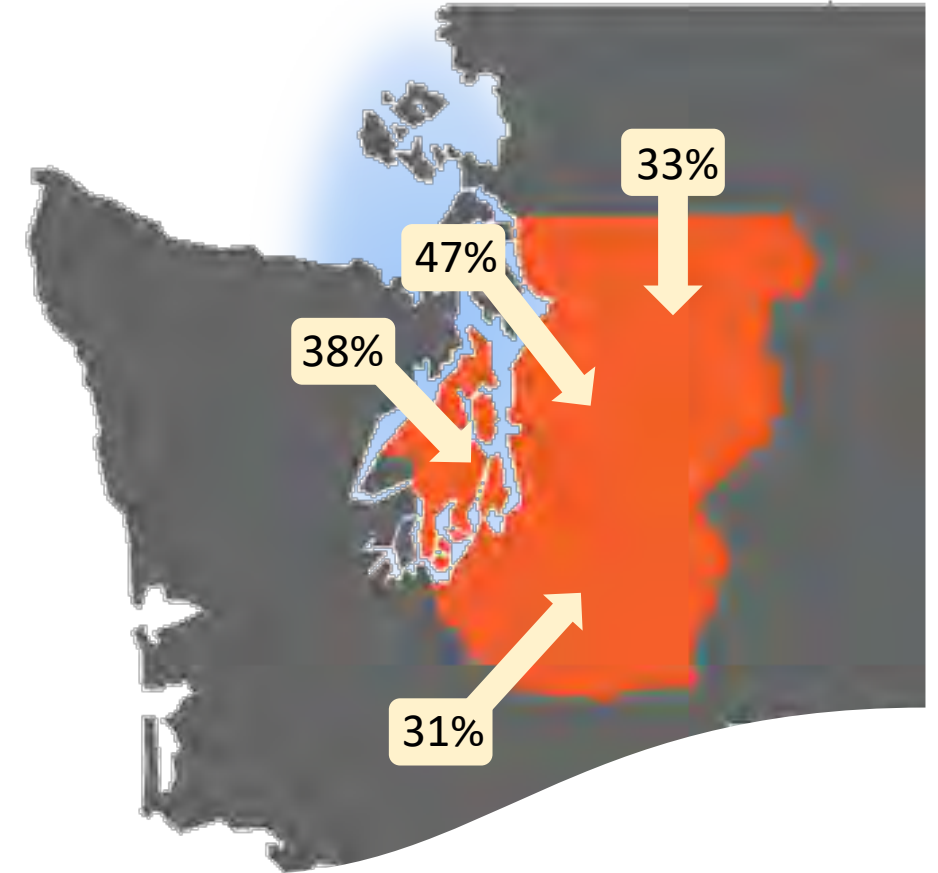
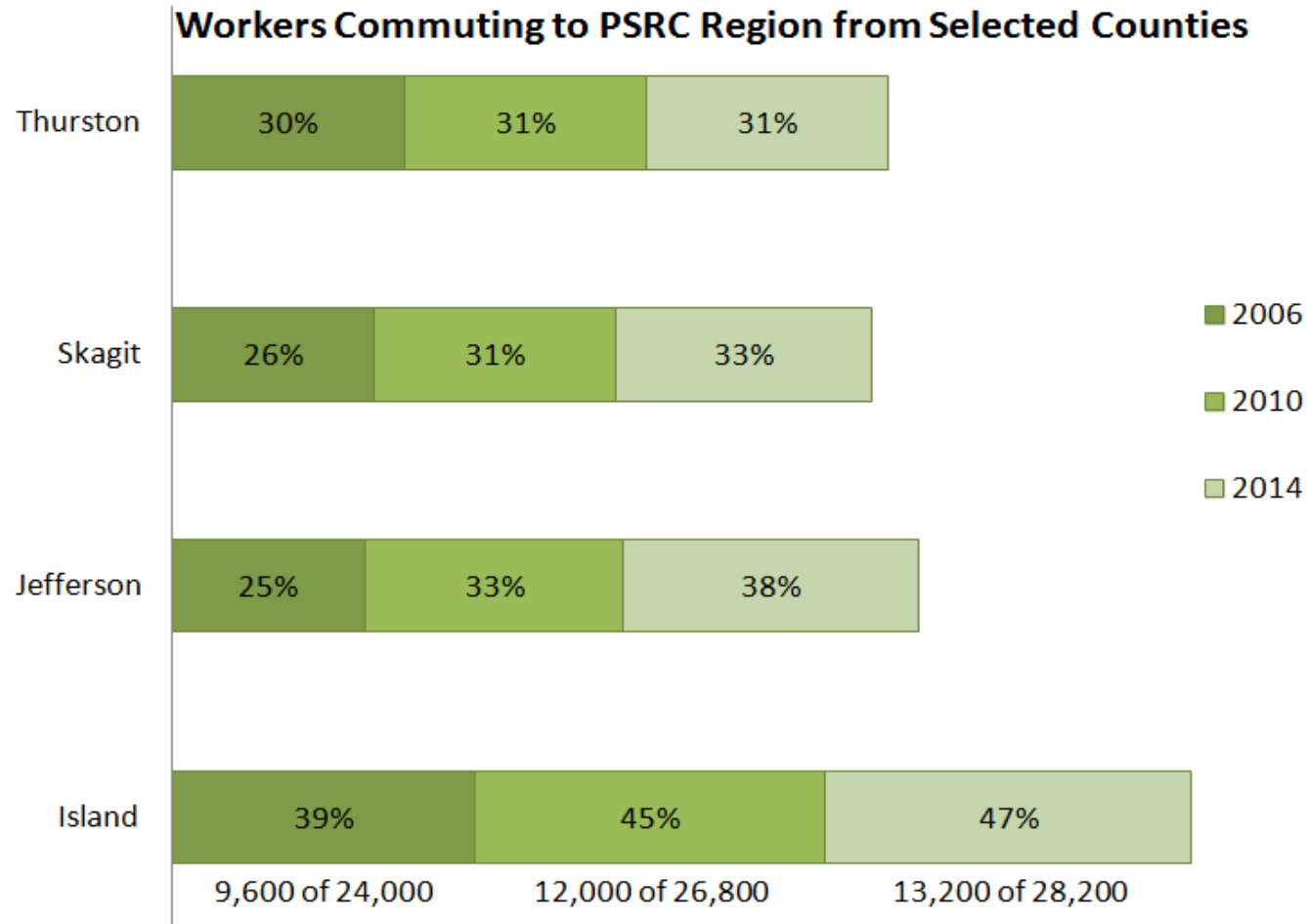
Comings and goings: Commuting



Takeaway:

If you work here, you probably live here, but if you live here you probably *don't* work here!

Commute Comparison

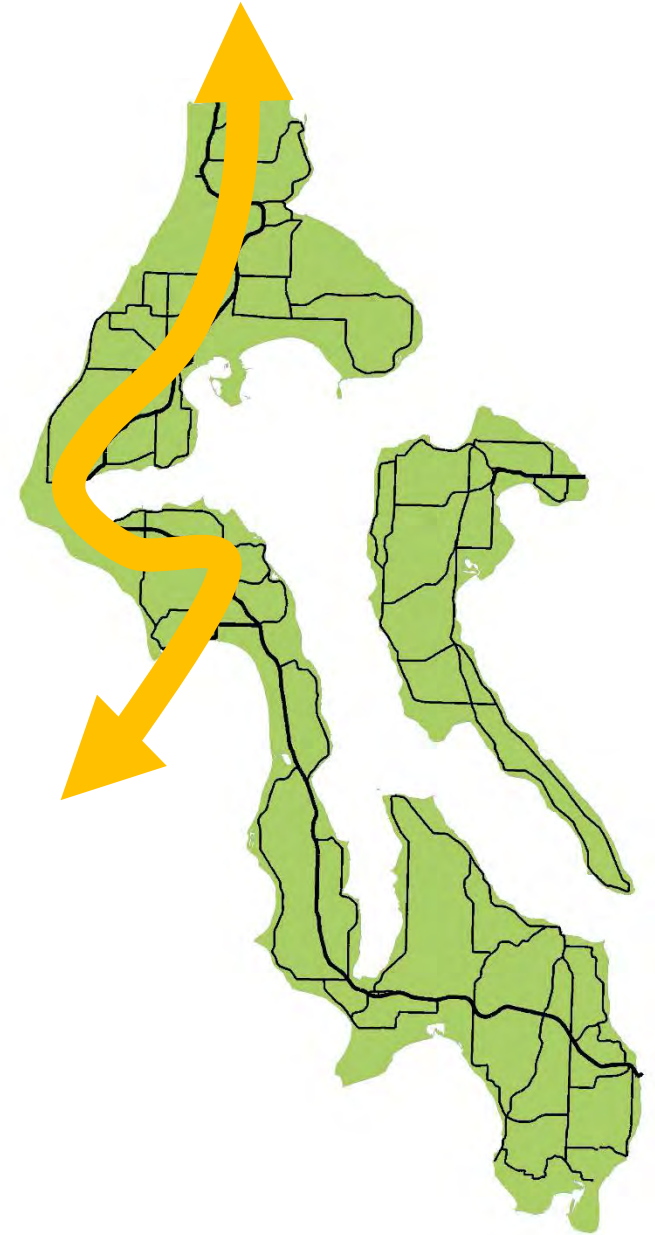


Adapted from PSRC's Transportation 2040 Update: Travel Trends presentation to the Transportation Policy Board, June 9, 2016.

https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/travel_trends_v1.pdf . Donated workforce and total workforce in county are shown for Island County.

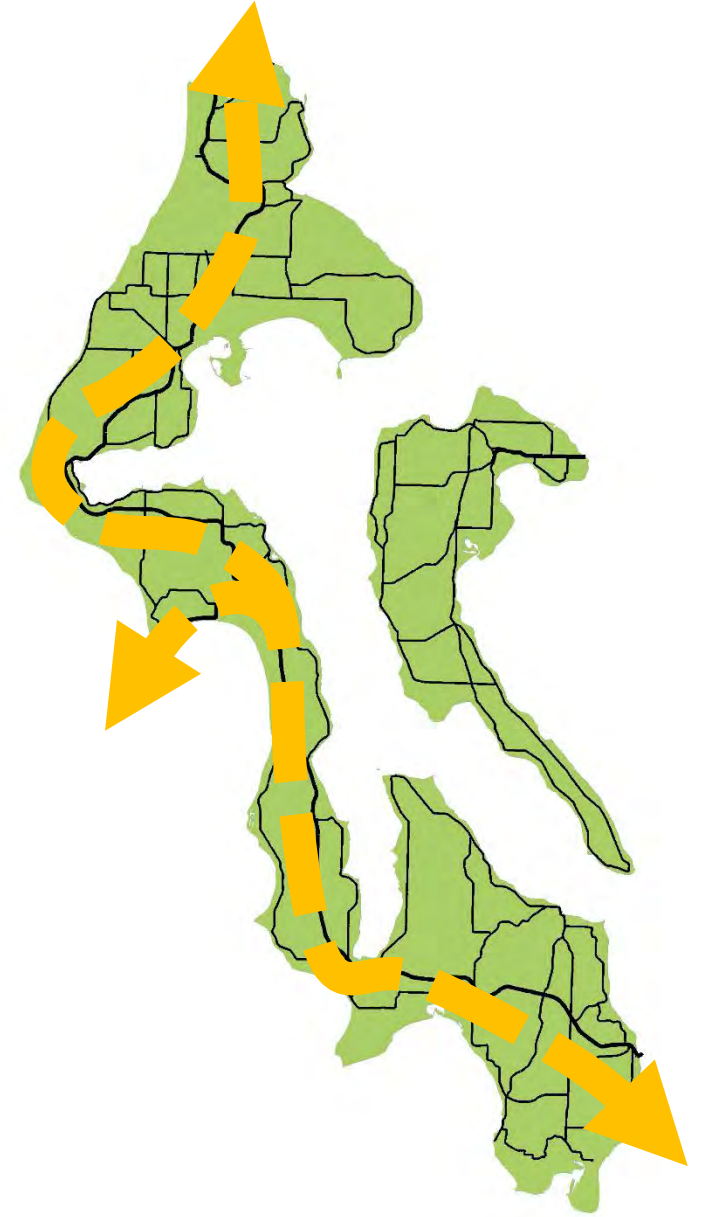
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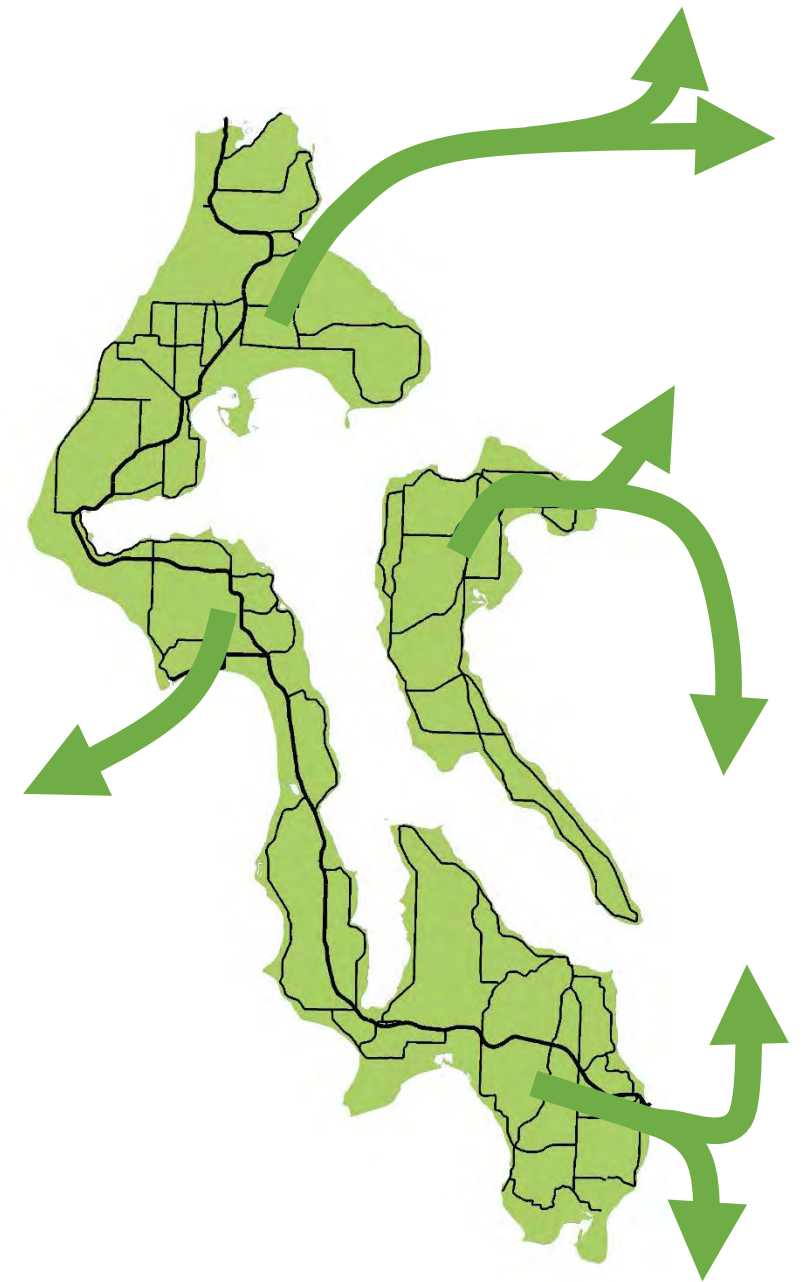
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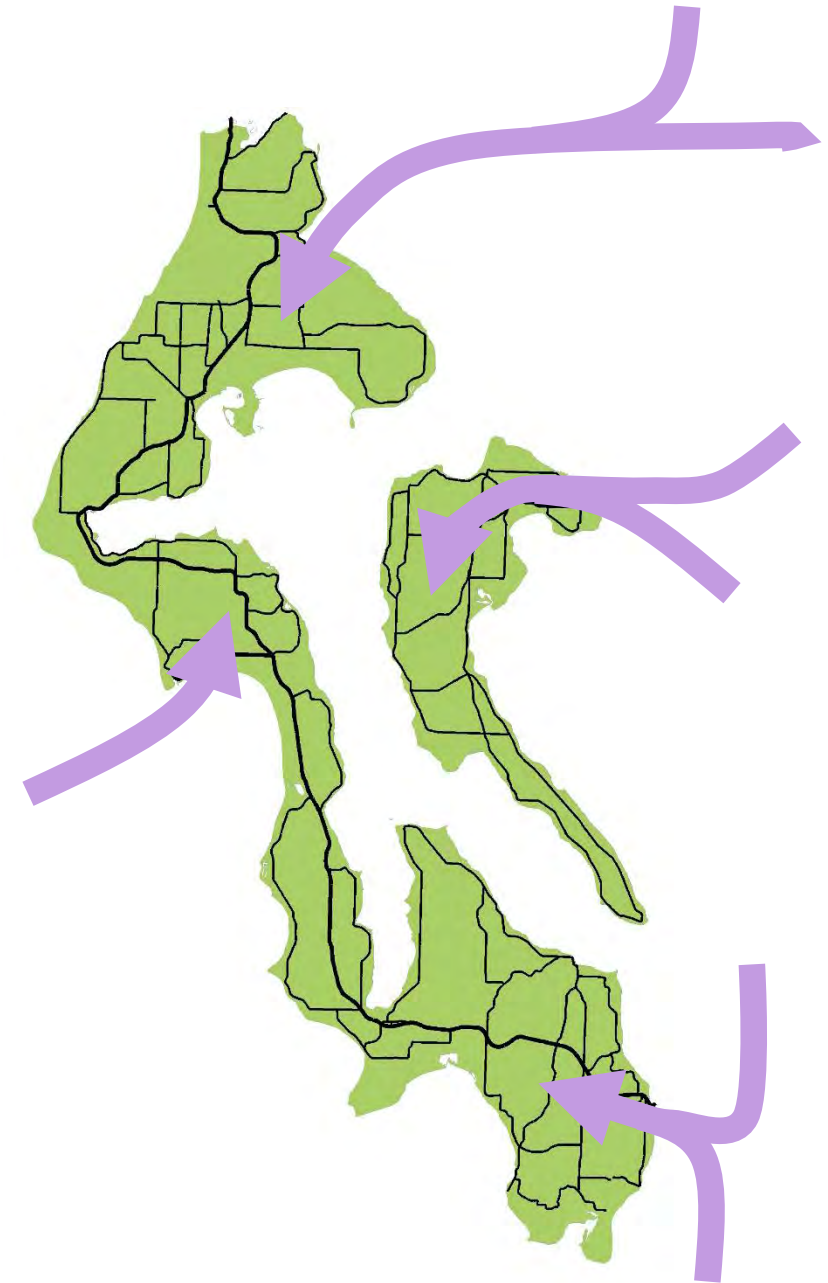
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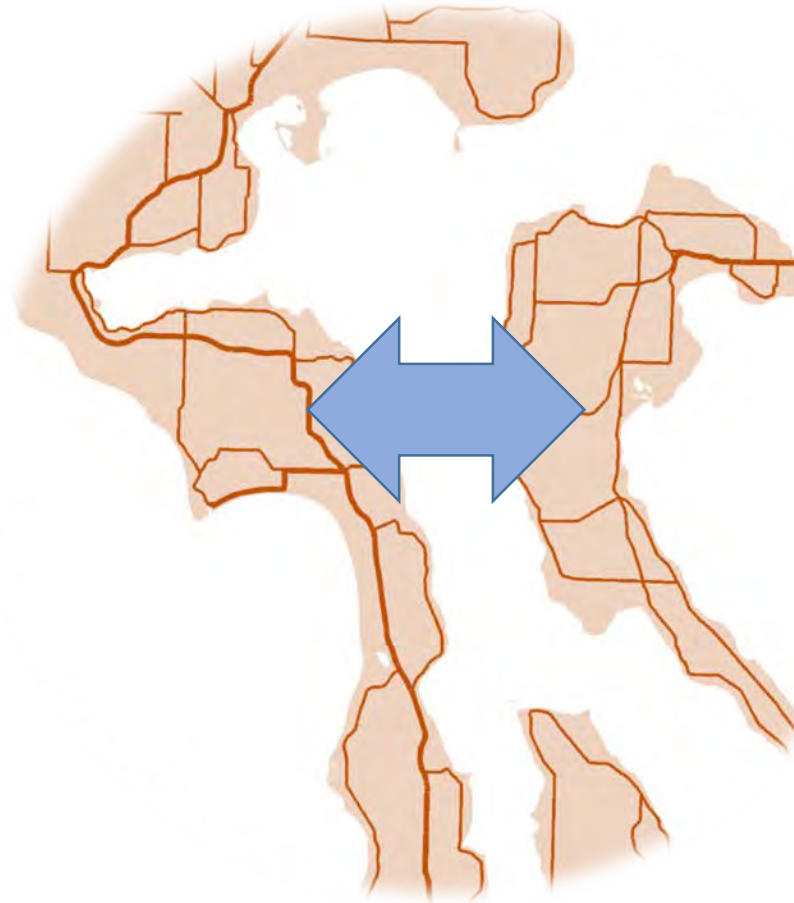
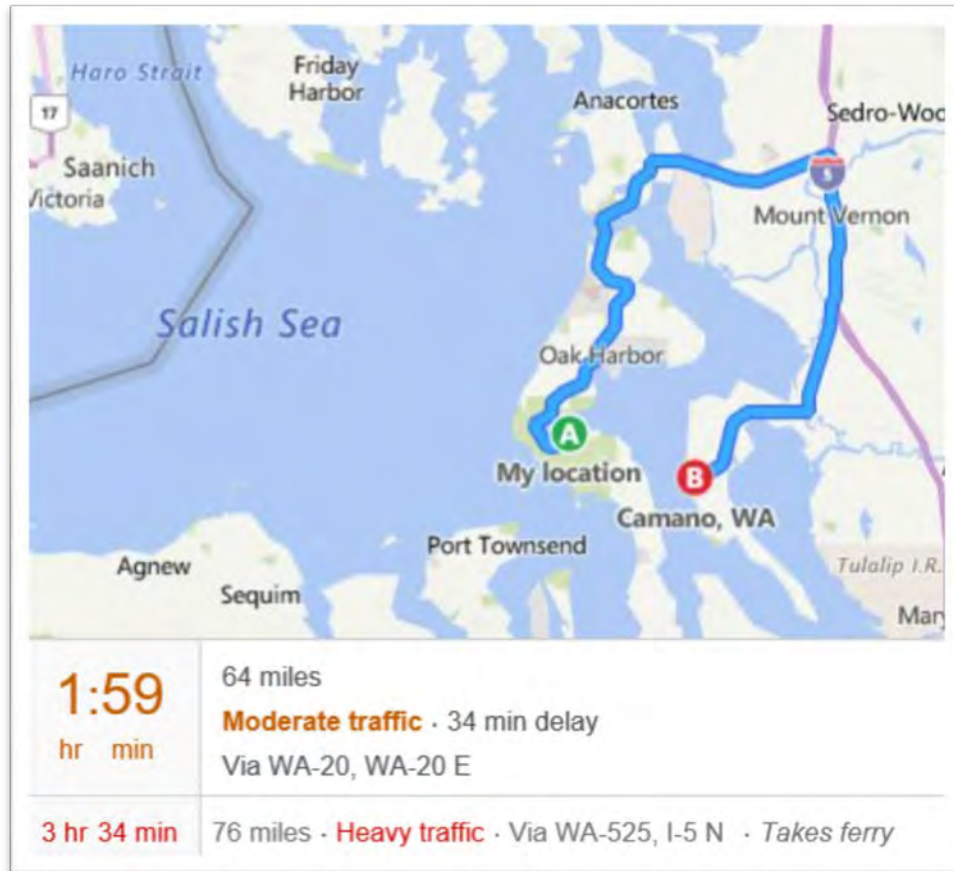
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- How many tourists (and second home owners) come to hang out on weekends? Weekdays?





Big Hopes

- Connected Islands



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- Connections to key neighbors



Big Challenges

- Accommodating growth, while maintaining rural character
- Addressing transportation needs of an aging population
- Managing septage
- Navigating wetland and slope stability issues
- Securing permits for culverts and tidegates
- Mitigating impacts of a stormy marine environment